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requirements and methods of testing**

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Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 473:1982), which has been technically revised. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- a new specification of lithopone with a 20 % zinc sulphide (ZnS) content (lithopone 20 %) has been included;
- a new method of test, Method B (Na₂EDTA titration method) has been introduced;
- the text of the document has been editorially revised.

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Introduction

Over the last decade, requirements such as the hiding power for exterior coatings have become less stringent with a view to reducing cost. In addition, there is a growing demand in the international exterior coatings market for lithopone with a 20 % total zinc sulphide (ZnS) content rather than the more expensive lithopone with a 30 % or 60 % total zinc sulphide content (hereinafter referred to as lithopone 20 %, lithopone 30 % and lithopone 60 %, respectively). The previous edition of this document provided for only two specifications of lithopone, namely lithopone 30 % and lithopone 60 %. To avoid confusion and disputes related to the transportation, release and clearance of lithopone 20 %, it has been included as a third specification in this document.

The determination of the total zinc content in lithopone using the potassium hexacyanoferrate titration method is rather complicated to operate and apt to fail. With such a test method, fluctuations in the temperature of the solution may be experienced and it is difficult to read the titration end point. Therefore, the Na₂EDTA direct titration method has been added to this document, which is time-saving and easier to operate, and with a proven accuracy. This testing method is based on Reference [2].

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